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1. A freight train loaded with Soviet war material passed through Jämschwalde towards Cottbus on 17 Sep 53. There were counted 21 brand new three-barreled guns mounted on five-ton trucks which had rubber tired wheels in front and caterpillar treads in the rear. The guns in all probability were 20 mm caliber, but this could not be definitely determined because they had muzzle covers. The train also carried two field kitchens and a large number of closed bodies for trucks. The first four cars of the train were covered with tarpaulins, under which there appeared to be guns or mortars.
2. Two trains full of Soviet soldiers were unloaded at Frankfurt an der Oder on 18 Sep 53. The men were quartered in the closed area near the railway station. There were about 2,000 men, outfitted only with woolen blankets. Their age appeared to be 18 or 19, and they apparently were troops as yet untrained.

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